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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

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We are writing you today regarding the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). Given that each year there seem to be more cases of salmonella poisoning than the previous year, it seems to be a prudent move to stop actions which cause this infection to occur. The conditions which the birds are placed under stress their immune systems to the point that they become more susceptible to salmonella infections. Forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs because of the stress it induces. We urge you to use your influence and voice in getting this petition passed.

Sincerely,

Greg & Tay Gardner

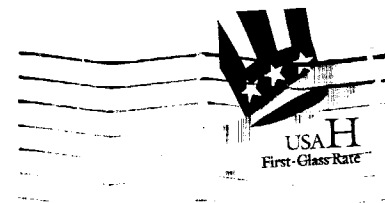
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